

REMARKS

Claims 2-21, 23-29 are pending in the present application. Claims 1 and 22 have been canceled without prejudice and without conceding the propriety of the outstanding rejections.

Applicants appreciate the indication that claims 2-8, 12-14 and 24-26 are allowed and that 9-11, 15-21 and 23 recite allowable subject matter. Applicants also appreciate the examiner pointing out drawing 5D and a typo in claims 9, 15 and 18. These informalities are addressed in the above amendments.

The amended claims are amended in an editorial manner and not in response to the prior art. We have not intended to forfeit equivalent arrangements with these amendments. Some of the amendments broaden aspects of the claims (see, e.g., claim 2, changing "eliminating anomalies" to -reducing artifacts-; claim 4, changing "a computer attached to" to -a computer communicating with-; claim 9, changing "calibrated tone map" to -reference data-; etc.). Some of the other amendments correct minor informalities in the specification.

Independent claim 27 is newly presented. The applied art is not understood to teach or suggest the combination recited therein. Favorable consideration is requested.

An Information Disclosure Statement accompanies this Amendment.

The present application is believed to be in condition for allowance. Nevertheless, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at 503-495-4575 if any issue remains.

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